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ARTICLE 10. AGING SERVICES

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Chapter 1. Bureau of Aging Services

IC 12-10-1-1

Establishment of bureau

Sec. 1. The bureau of aging and in-home services is established within the division.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.4-1993, SEC.35; P.L.5-1993, SEC.48.

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Purpose

Sec. 2. The purpose of the bureau is to assist the constantly increasing number of aged in:

- (1) maintaining self-sufficiency and personal well-being with the dignity to which the years of labor entitle the person; and
- (2) realizing the aged person's maximum potential as a creative and productive individual.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.4.

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Administration of programs

Sec. 3. The bureau shall administer the following programs:

- (1) Older Americans Act under IC 12-9-5-1.
- (2) Area agencies on aging services under this article.
- (3) Adult protective services under IC 12-10-3.
- (4) Room and board assistance and assistance to residents in county homes under IC 12-10-6.
- (5) Adult guardianship program under IC 12-10-7.
- (6) Community and home options for the elderly and disabled under IC 12-10-10.
- (7) Nursing home preadmission screening under IC 12-10-12.
- (8) Long term care advocacy under IC 12-10-13.
- (9) Nutrition services and home delivered meals.
- (10) Title III B supportive services.
- (11) Title III D in-home services.
- (12) Aging programs under the Social Services Block Grant.
- (13) United States Department of Agriculture elderly feeding program.
- (14) Title V senior employment.
- (15) PASARR under older adult services.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.24-1997, SEC.20; P.L.243-2003, SEC.10.

IC 12-10-1-4

Duties

Sec. 4. The bureau shall perform the following duties:

- (1) Provide a comprehensive and coordinated service system for Indiana's aging population, giving high priority to those individuals in greatest need.
- (2) Conduct studies and research into the needs and problems of the aging.
- (3) Ensure participation by the aging in the planning and operation of all phases of the system.
- (4) Provide a focal point for advocacy, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation of programs for the aging and the aged.
- (5) Provide for the performance of any other functions required by regulations established under the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).
- (6) Function as the sole state agency to develop a comprehensive plan to meet the needs of the aged.
- (7) Evaluate programs, services, and facilities for the aged and determine the extent to which those programs, services, and facilities meet the needs of the aged.
- (8) Coordinate programs, services, and facilities furnished for the aged by state agencies and make recommendations regarding those programs, services, and facilities to the governor and the general assembly.
- (9) Receive and disburse federal money made available for providing services to the aged or related purposes.
- (10) Administer any state plan for the aging required by federal law.
- (11) Provide consultation and assistance to communities and groups developing local services for the aged.
- (12) Promote community education regarding the problems of the aged through institutes, publications, radio, television, and the press.
- (13) Cooperate with agencies of the federal government in studies and conferences designed to examine the needs of the aged and prepare programs and facilities to meet those needs.
- (14) Establish and maintain information and referral sources throughout Indiana when not provided by other agencies.
- (15) Act, in accordance with regulations established under the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), as the agent for providing state money to the area agencies on aging designated in each planning and service region in Indiana.
- (16) Initiate, evaluate, and provide assistance for improving programs in cooperation with all other state agencies having concerns or responsibility for the aged.
- (17) Conduct an annual conference on the problems of the aging and the aged.
- (18) Designate area agencies on aging in each planning and service region in Indiana.
- (19) Examine the needs of the aged and prepare programs and facilities to meet those needs.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.4.

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Coordination of services with area agencies

Sec. 5. In carrying out the bureau's duties under this chapter, the bureau shall coordinate service delivery with the area agencies on aging.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.4.

IC 12-10-1-6

Area agencies; duties

Sec. 6. (a) The area agencies on aging designated by the bureau in each planning and service region shall do the following:

- (1) Determine the needs and resources of the aged in the area.
- (2) Coordinate, in cooperation with other agencies or organizations in the area, region, district, or county, all programs and activities providing health, recreational, educational, or social services for the aged.
- (3) Secure local matching money from public and private sources to provide, improve, or expand the sources available to meet the needs of the aged.
- (4) Develop, in cooperation with the division and in accordance with the regulations of the commissioner of the federal Administration on Aging, an area plan for each planning and service area to provide for the following:
 - (A) A comprehensive and coordinated system for the delivery of services needed by the aged in the area.
 - (B) The collection and dissemination of information and referral sources.
 - (C) The effective and efficient use of all resources meeting the needs of the aged.
 - (D) The inauguration of new services and periodic evaluation of all programs and projects delivering services to the aged, with special emphasis on the low income and minority residents of the planning and service area.
 - (E) The establishment, publication, and maintenance of a toll free telephone number to provide information, counseling, and referral services for the aged residents of the planning and service area.
- (5) Conduct case management (as defined in IC 12-10-10-1).
- (6) Perform any other functions required by regulations established under the Older Americans Act (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.).

(b) The division shall pay the costs associated with the toll free telephone number required under subsection (a).

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.150-1995, SEC.4.